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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NOTE  
VERBALE OF 8 DECEMBER 1976 PROMISED AT TIME OF ROYAL  
AUDIENCE DESCRIBED REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT.

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS  
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN RABAT AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM IT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY STUDIES  
WITH A VIEW TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR PLANT (CENTRALE  
NUCLEAIRE) TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY IN  
ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

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ANNOUNCED BY HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II AT THE TIME OF A

PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN ON THE EVE OF HIS RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE AND CONFIRMED BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAD WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THIS DECISION IS EVEN MORE JUSTIFIABLE AS MOROCCO IS AN IMPORTANT POTENTIAL URANIUM PRODUCER THANKS TO THE IMMENSE PHOSPHATE RESERVES IN ITS SOIL.

THE MINISTRY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE ROYAL INITIATIVE WILL HAVE ALL THE SAFEGUARDS HAVING TO DO NOTABLY WITH THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

INDEED, AT THE TIME OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN PARIS NOVEMBER 25, HIS MAJESTY THE KING PROPOSED THAT ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD LIKE TO USE NUCLEAR ENERGY SUBMIT TO A RIGHT OF AN ANNUAL OR BI-ANNUAL VISIT BY A COMMITTEE OF WISE MEN WHICH COULD BE DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION AND WHOSE TASK WOULD BE TO ASSURE THAT URANIUM IS NOT ENRICHED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, IS ENRICHED AND EMPLOYED FOR PEACEFUL PRUPOSES. FOR ITS PART, THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO IS READY NOW TO ACCEPT THIS RIGHT TO VISIT WHICH WOULD ALLOW EVERYONE TO VERIFY THAT IT IS FOLLOWING THE WAY OF PROGRESS AND OF DEVELOPMENT AND HAS SO INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THIS PROMISE PROCLAIMED SOLEMNLY BY HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II SUPPLEMENTS OBLIGATIONS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY MOROCCO IN ACCORD WITH THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED JANUARY 30, 1973, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TREATY ON NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS TO WHICH IT IS A PARTY.

IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE III OF THIS TREATY, MOROCCO UNDERTAKES TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF THE PLANNED SAFEGUARDS DESIGNED TO PREVENT NUCLEAR ENERGY FROM BEING DIVERTED FROM ITS PEACEFUL USES TOWARD MILITARY OBJECTIVES.

THE PEACEFUL ATTITUDE OF MOROCCO HAVING BEEN EXPRESSED MOST CLEARLY BY THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE KINGDOM, THE  
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PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR PLANT IS DESIGNED IN FACT ONLY TO FURNISH THE COUNTRY WITH ALL MEANS CAPABLE OF ASSURING AND ACCELERATING ITS DEVELOPMENT. THEREFORE THE MINISTRY REUQUESTS THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO KINDLY BRING THE PRECEDING TO THE ATTENTION OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE MOROCCAN INITIATIVE WILL RECEIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT.

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS  
ITSELF OF THIS OCCASION TO REVIEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA IN RABAT THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGH  
CONSIDERATION.  
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